

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1.-3. (Cancelled).

4. (Original) An electronic camera, comprising:

an electronic flash which throws light on recording of an image;

a switch; and

a controller which intermittently activates the electronic flash upon turning on of the switch, whereby enables determination of an image-capturing angle of view before the recording of the image.

5. (Original) The electronic camera as defined in claim 4, wherein a quantity of light thrown by the electronic flash before the recording of the image is smaller than a quantity of the light in the recording of the image.

6. (Original) The electronic camera as defined in claim 4, further comprising:

a shutter release button, full depression of the shutter release button causing the recording of the image;

wherein the switch is turned on upon half depression of the shutter release button.

7. (Original) The electronic camera as defined in claim 4, further comprising:

a first capacitor from which the electronic flash is supplied with electricity before the recording of the image; and

a second capacitor from which the electronic flash is supplied with electricity on the recording of the image;

wherein the first and second capacitors are provided independently of one another.

8. (Original) An electronic camera, comprising: ✓

an imaging device which captures an image of an object in a cycle by exposure for a period corresponding to the cycle, and outputs image signals updated in the cycle;

a display;

a display controller which makes the display to display the image according to the image signals while the imaging device is capturing the image;

an electronic flash which throws light on recording of an image; and

a flash controller which intermittently activates the electronic flash before the recording of the image;

wherein a live image of the object illuminated with the electronic flash is shown on the display to enable determination of an image-capturing angle of view before the recording of the image.

9. (Original) The electronic camera as defined in claim 8, further comprising a changing device which is manually operated to change the cycle of the imaging device.

10. (Original) The electronic camera as defined in claim 8, further comprising a changing device which automatically changes the cycle of the imaging device.

11. (Original) The electronic camera as defined in claim 8, further comprising:

a switch;

wherein the flash controller intermittently activates the electronic flash upon turning on of the switch.

12. (Original) The electronic camera as defined in claim 11, further comprising:

a shutter release button, full depression of the shutter release button causing the recording of the image;

wherein the switch is turned on upon half depression of the shutter release button.

13. (Original) The electronic camera as defined in claim 8, wherein the flash controller intermittently activates the

electronic flash when brightness of the image is lower than a predetermined threshold.

14. (Original) The electronic camera as defined in claim 8, wherein a quantity of light thrown by the electronic flash before the recording of the image is smaller than a quantity of the light in the recording of the image.

15. (Original) The electronic camera as defined in claim 8, further comprising:

a first capacitor from which the electronic flash is supplied with electricity before the recording of the image; and

a second capacitor from which the electronic flash is supplied with electricity on the recording of the image;

wherein the first and second capacitors are provided independently of one another.